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**Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance**

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# Strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolutions 46/182 of 19 December 1991, 57/152 of 16 December 2002, 57/256 of 20 December 2002, 58/214 and 58/215 of 23 December 2003, 58/25 of 5 December 2003, 59/212 of 20 December 2004, and 59/231 and 59/233 of 22 December 2004,

*Expressing sincere condolences and deep sympathy* to the victims, their families, the Governments and the peoples of those States that suffered huge losses of life and socio-economic and environmental damage from the unprecedented tsunami disaster that struck the Indian Ocean and Southeast Asian regions on 26 December 2004,

*Commending* the prompt response, support, generous contributions to and assistance of the international community, by Governments, civil society, the private sector and individuals, in the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts, which reflect the spirit of international solidarity and cooperation to address the disaster,

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*Commending also* the leading role of the affected States and the role of the United Nations in addressing the disaster, and recognizing the importance of cooperation for effective mobilization, coordination and delivery of international assistance in the emergency relief phase,

*Welcoming* the Declaration on Action to Strengthen Emergency Relief, Rehabilitation, Reconstruction and Prevention in the Aftermath of the Earthquake and Tsunami Disaster of 26 December 2004[1] adopted at the special meeting of Association of South-East Asian Nations leaders in the aftermath of the earthquake and tsunami, held in Jakarta on 6 January 2005, and the pledges made by donor countries and international financial institutions for the affected countries,

*Welcoming also* the launching of the Indian Ocean earthquake-tsunami 2005 flash appeal[2] by the Secretary-General to respond to the urgent and immediate needs of communities severely affected by the earthquake and tsunami and the outcome of the Ministerial-Level Meeting on Humanitarian Assistance to Tsunami-affected Communities held in Geneva on 11 January 2005,

*Welcoming* the recent announcement by the Paris Club creditors that they will not expect debt payments from affected countries that request such forebearance until the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund have made a full assessment of their reconstruction and financing needs as well as specific initiatives of countries in this issue,

*Welcoming also* the appointment by the Secretary-General of a Special Coordinator to coordinate international emergency relief operations in support of national emergency programmes of countries affected by the tsunami disaster and covered by the flash appeal,

*Expressing concern* over the medium- and long-term social, economic and environmental impacts of the disaster on the affected States,

*Stressing* the need to develop and implement risk-reduction strategies and to integrate them, where appropriate, into national development plans, in particular through the implementation of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, so as to enhance the resilience of populations in disasters and reduce risks to them, their livelihoods, the social and economic infrastructure and environmental resources,

*Recognizing* that the development of stronger institutions, mechanisms and capacities, including at the community level, that can systematically build resilience to hazards and disasters is essential to reducing the risks and the vulnerability of populations to disasters, including disaster preparedness, mitigation and early warning system at all levels,

*Recalling* the need for continued commitment to assist the affected countries and their peoples, particularly the most vulnerable groups, to fully recover from the catastrophic and traumatic effects of the disaster, including in their medium- and long-term rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts, and welcoming Government and international assistance measures in this regard,

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[1] A/59/669, annex.

[2] Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Seychelles, Somalia, Sri Lanka.

*Emphasizing* that disaster reduction, including reducing vulnerability to natural disasters, is an important element that contributes to the achievement of sustainable development,

*Welcoming* the convening of the World Conference on Disaster Reduction in Kobe, Hyogo, Japan from 18 to 22 January 2005, with a view to updating the guiding framework on disaster reduction for the twenty-first century,

*Noting also* the outcome of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States held in Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005,

*Stressing* the importance of advancing the implementation of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation[3] and its relevant provisions on vulnerability, risk assessment and disaster management,

*Emphasizing* the importance of establishing a partnership, upon the request and with the leadership of the country concerned, involving donor countries and regional and international financial institutions as well as the private sector and civil society, to support the respective national rehabilitation and reconstruction programmes of the affected countries,

*Emphasizing also* the importance of international cooperation in support of the efforts of the affected States in dealing with natural disasters in all phases, including prevention, preparedness, mitigation, recovery and reconstruction, as well as in strengthening the response capacity of affected countries,

1. *Expresses its deep concern* at the number and scale of natural disasters and their increasing impact within recent years, which have resulted in a massive loss of life and long-term negative social, economic and environmental consequences for vulnerable societies throughout the world, in particular in developing countries;

2. *Emphasizes* the need for the international community to maintain its focus beyond the present emergency relief, in order to sustain the political will to support the medium- and long-term rehabilitation, reconstruction and risk reduction efforts led by the Governments of the affected countries at all levels;

3. *Welcomes* the effective cooperation between the affected States, relevant bodies in the United Nations system, donor countries, regional and international financial institutions and civil society in the coordination and delivery of emergency relief, and stresses the need to continue such cooperation and delivery throughout the ongoing relief operations and rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts, in a manner that reduces vulnerability to future natural hazards;

4. *Encourages* the international community, particularly donor countries, international financial institutions and relevant international organizations, as well as the private sector and civil society, to deliver swiftly on their pledges and to continue to provide the necessary funds and assistance to support the rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts;

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[3] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

5. *Welcomes* the increasing efforts to further enhance transparency and accountability with respect to the channelling and utilization of resources;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to appoint a special representative in order to, inter alia, sustain the political will of the international community to support medium- and long-term rehabilitation, reconstruction and risk reduction efforts led by the Governments of affected countries at all levels;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to explore ways to further strengthen the rapid response capacities for immediate humanitarian relief efforts of the international community, building on the existing arrangements and ongoing initiatives, including the consideration of "standby arrangements" under the auspices of the United Nations;

8. *Invites* the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, in collaboration with other international and regional financial institutions and the United Nations, to convene members of the international community, including affected countries, to address the medium- and long-term rehabilitation and reconstruction needs of the affected countries;

9. *Recognizes* the importance of the decision by the Association of South-East Asian Nations to establish regional mechanisms on disaster prevention, preparedness and mitigation, encourages regional cooperation in this regard and urges donor countries and regional and international organizations as well as other relevant institutions to provide, where appropriate, financial and technical assistance;

10. *Recognizes also* the importance of the promotion of public education, awareness and community participation in disaster prevention and preparedness, particularly at the local level, as well as the pressing need to develop and promote national and regional capacity and access to technology and knowledge in building and managing a regional early warning system and in disaster management, through national and regional efforts as well as through international cooperation and partnership;

11. *Emphasizes* the urgent need for the establishment of a regional early warning system, particularly for tsunami, in the Indian Ocean and South-East Asian regions, and notes the interest expressed by some Governments, bodies and organizations, including the Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC), to support the establishment of this system;

12. *Welcomes* the proposed convening of a regional ministerial meeting on regional cooperation with regard to a tsunami early warning system, to be held in Thailand on 28 January 2005;

13. *Welcomes* the proposal of Germany to host a third international early warning conference, covering the complete range of natural hazards, with a focus on the urgent implementation of early warning systems for hydro-meteorological and geological hazards on a global scale;

14. *Welcomes also* the fact that the World Conference on Disaster Reduction will discuss the issue of a global tsunami early warning system as part of its agenda;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session on the implementation of the present resolution under the item

entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations including special economic assistance" and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session in 2005.

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**Addendum**

Add the following countries to the list of sponsors of the draft resolution:

**Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chile, Croatia, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, Madagascar, Gabon, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Israel, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Yemen**

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**Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS**

**Draft decision submitted by the President of the General Assembly**

# Participation of civil society representatives in the high-level meeting to review the progress achieved in realizing commitments set out in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS

The General Assembly decides to approve for participation in the high-level meeting to review the progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS to be held on 2 June 2005, the list of civil society representatives contained in the annex, which was drawn up by the President of the Assembly pursuant to paragraph 3 (d) of resolution 58/313 of 1 July 2004.

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## Annex

### List of 15 civil society representatives to be invited to the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to review the progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, to be convened on 2 June 2005

**Women Fighting AIDS in Kenya**

Dorothy Onyango
Executive Director

**International HIV/AIDS Alliance, Mozambique**

Santos Alfredo
Director

**The Hope for African Children Initiative**

Pat Youri
Executive Director

**The Ethiopian Women Lawyers Association**

Meaza Ashenafi
Executive Director

**The Association for the Promotion of Fundamental Liberties of Chad**

Maoundonodji Gilbert
Consultant juriste, Président

**The Thai Drug Users' Network**

Paisan Suwannawong
Founder

**India HIV/AIDS Alliance (Alliance India)**

Dr. Balwant Singh
Director

**Maiti Nepal**

Anuradha Koirala
Director

**International Community of Women Living with HIV**

Gracia Violeta Ross
Volunteer Coordinator, Andean International Community of Women Living with HIV

**Community Action Resource**

Catherine Williams
Director

**The Central and Eastern European Harm Reduction Network**

Anya Sarang
President

**Pacific Island AIDS Foundation**

Maire Bopp Dupont
Founder — Chief Executive Officer

**The Female Health Company**

Mary Ann Leeper, PhD
President

**World AIDS Campaign**

Marcel Van Soest
Executive Director

**Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS**

Trevor Nielson
Executive Director